

Laws and Regulations

The laws relative to Animal Control Officers are (follow the links):

- Act 368 of 1978, Section 333.18805 Public Health Code (Excerpt)
Definitions for practice as a veterinary technician, practice of veterinary medicine, and veterinarian.
- Act 368 of 1978, Section 333.18814 Public Health Code (Excerpt)
Conduct not considered practice of veterinary medicine.
- Pet Shops, Dog Pounds and Animal Shelters: Public Act 287 of 1969, as amended:
The primary law pertaining to pet shops. Among other things, this law specifies who does and does not need a pet shop license and it includes requirements for importing and selling puppies and kittens.
- Regulation 151 (Pet Shops, Dog Pounds and Animal Shelters):
Regulations and requirements for operating a licensed pet shop, dog pound or animal shelter. This is a very important regulation to read and understand, as it covers areas that MDARD Inspectors review when visiting these facilities.
- The Animal Industry Act: Public Act 466 of 1988, as amended: Establishes requirements associated with the prevention, control, and eradication of certain animal diseases, including requirements for importation, exhibition, and quarantine, and establishes authorities, including that of the state veterinarian.
- Regulations for The Animal Industry Act:
This describes the specific regulations operating under the Animal Industry Act.
- Large Carnivore Act: Public Act 274 of 2000 An Act to regulate the ownership, possession, and care of certain large carnivores.
- Wolf-Dog Cross Act: Public Act 246 of 2000 An Act to regulate the ownership, possession, and care of certain wolf-dog crosses.
- Bodies of Dead Animals: Public Act 239 of 1982 Establishes requirements for the disposal of dead animals.

- Regulations for Public Act 239 of 1982
Bodies of Dead Animals
- Use of Dogs and Cats for Research: Public Act 224 of 1969 An Act to license and regulate dealers in and research facilities using dogs and cats for research purposes; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.
- Regulation 150: Use of Dogs and Cats for Research
- Dog Law: Public Act 339 of 1919
An Act relating to dogs and the protection of live stock and poultry from damage by dogs; providing for the licensing of dogs; regulating the keeping of dogs, and authorizing their destruction in certain cases, etc.
- Liability of Owner for Dog Bite: Public Act 73 of 1939
An Act providing for the recovery of damages by persons bitten by dogs; and creating a liability of the owners of such dogs.
- Regulation 129: Governing Dog Kennels
- Registration and Identification of Dogs
An Act to provide for the regulation, registration, identification and licensing of dogs.
- Michigan Penal Code (Chapter IX animals): Public Act 328 of 1931 (as amended) _
- Animals Running at Large: Public Act 328 of 1976
An Act to regulate animals running at large; to provide for compensation for damage done by animals running at large; to prescribe penalties; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts.
- Dangerous Animals: Public Act 426 of 1988
An Act to regulate dangerous animals; to provide for the confinement, tattooing, or destruction of dangerous animals; and to provide penalties for the owners or keepers of dangerous animals that attack human beings.
- The Turtle Act: Public Act 424 of 1988
State requirements for the sale of small turtles. (Federal law covers to whom turtles may be sold, state law covers specifics about the sale.)
- The Ferret Act: Public Act 358 of 1994
Legalized and controls the sale and breeding of ferrets.
- Sale of Baby Chicks, Rabbits, Ducklings, or Other Fowl or Game: Public Act 163 of 1945:
Prohibits the sale of dyed chicks, rabbits, ducklings, etc.

- Pseudorabies and Swine Brucellosis Control and Eradication Act: Public Act 239 of 1992:
Swine laws, pertinent for stores selling pot-bellied or other pet pigs.
- Equine Activity Liability Act: Public Act 351 of 1994
An Act to regulate civil liability related to equine activities; and to prescribe certain duties for equine professionals.
- Horse Riding Stables and Sales Barns: Public Act 93 of 1974
An Act to license and regulate horse riding stables and sales barns; to prescribe the duties of the department of agriculture; and to provide a penalty.
- Regulation No. 154: Horse Riding Stables and Sales Barns
- Public Health Code, Act 368 of 1978, as ammended, Section 7333
This discusses the requirements to administer euthanasia or tranquilize.
- Rules of the Michigan Board of Pharmacy
For information on the laws pertaining to animal euthanasia training see sections R 338.3138 and R 338.3139.
- Leader Dogs for Blind Persons, Act 207 of 1970
- Michigan Penal Code (excerpt), Act 328 of 1931
Person with disabilities or trainer led by guide, leader, hearing, or service dog; refusing entry to or use of public or private accomodations as misdemeanor; conditions; identification card; list; definitions.
- Public Act 117 of 2009
This law makes it illegal if a farm animal can not lie down, stand up, fully extend limbs, and turn around freely in its enclosure.